



Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit



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Kremmling Field Office To Burn Slash Piles

Grand County - The Kremmling Field Office (KFO), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), is planning to burn large slash piles of lodgepole pine beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, January 31, through April as weather conditions allow. The slash piles are located on BLM public land located one quarter mile south east of Ouray Ranch and three miles north east of Granby. The slash is the result of a salvage timber sale conducted to remove beetle killed timber in 2005.

There are 113 slash piles measuring up to 40' x 40' square and 10' high. "Now is the perfect time to burn while there's snow on the ground to minimize fire spread of the piles" said Fuels Technician Brett Stearns. "It also depends on the right wind conditions for good smoke dispersal to lessen impacts on nearby communities and landowners." Smoke will be visible from the burning piles. A burn plan has been prepared and approved that specifies the desired weather and wind conditions, as well as other guidelines for safe and efficient operations. Colorado State Air Pollution Division smoke permits have also been obtained

The objective of burning the slash piles is remove the flammable debris and lower the risk of catastrophic wildland fire. Please contact Brett Stearns at 970-724-3043 for more information.

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